# **Fire Update**

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For the week: NOVEMBER 6, 2011 NOVEMBER 12, 2011

4980 total runs in 2011

5,470 total runs in 2010

### TIP OF THE MONTH : PLAN A FIRE DRILL AND ESCAPE ROUTES

### **E.D.I.T.H = EXIT DRILLS IN THE HOME**

Prepare for a fire emergency by sitting down with your family and agreeing on an escape plan. A well prepared escape plan helps to avoid panic and may save your lives.

- Review and determine at least two unobstructed exits from every room in your house. Doors should be your primary exit and windows your next choice.
- Have each person practice opening doors and windows. Show children how to open door and window locks.
- Decide on a meeting place outside where everyone will meet, such as a neighbor's porch, tree or lamppost.

### **Practice makes Perfect**

#### Practice your fire drill and escape routes

- Have everyone lie in bed and wait for the drill.
- Begin the drill by pressing the smoke detector test button. For more realism, continue to sound the alarm until everyone is outside.
- Practice yelling "Fire!" to help alert others in the home.
- Roll out of bed and stay low to the floor.
- Each person should crawl to your primary exit of that room. If it is blocked by smoke or fire, use your other designated exit.
- Feel any closed door with the back of your hand before opening it. If it is hot, do not open it, use your other exit
- Make sure everyone goes to the meeting place.
- Assign someone at the meeting place to be the one to go to a neighbor's home to call 911.
- Never go back into a burning building! Get out, Stay out, and Stay alive!

\*\*\* IF YOU DIDNOT CHANGE YOUR DETECTOR BATTERIES ON DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME WEEKEND ITS NEVER TOO LATE • A \$2:00 BATTERY CAN BE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH !!!

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Fires this week 2 Total for the year 88

### Fall & Winter Fire Hazards

- Never� park on a pile of leaves
- Allow 3 ft. of space around furnaces and hot water heaters
- Get your chimney cleaned and inspected regularly
- Don to overload electrical outlets
- Never let your Christmas Tree get thirsty
- Be very carful using supplemental heating devices
- Never leave a Turkey fryer unattended
- Never use an oven or range to heat your home
- Never use an extension cord with a portable electric heater
- Never leave your home with the cloths dryer running

## EMS:

EMS runs this week <u>56</u> Total for the year <u>3346</u>

# **Car Fires:**

Car fires this week 0

### **Hazardous Conditions:**

Hazardous Conditions this week <u>12</u> Total for the Year <u>333</u>

### **Other Runs:**

Other runs this week 26 Total for the year 1212

# **Mutual Aid Responses:**

#### **Birmingham**

Mutual Aid Received This week 0 This year 22

Mutual Aid Given ������ This week 0 • This year 3

#### **Ferndale**

Mutual Aid Received This week 0000 0000 0000 This Year 17\_

